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It is my pleasure to announce the winners of the 2006 Director's Awards. It makes me very proud to see the exemplary work described in the many nominations we received in this year's competition. Thank you for the effort and dedication you have to the work, and for taking the time to document it in the nominations.

This year's award recipients are:

Natural Resource Stewardship Award

**Kenneth W. Outcalt, Research Forester, RWU-4104**

*For innovative approaches to stewardship of the unique longleaf pine ecosystem by restoring fire disturbance, reducing the risk of wildfire while protecting biodiversity.*

Global Stewardship Award

**John A. Stanturf, Project Leader, RWU-4104**

*For leadership and sustained effort to advance the global mission of the Forest Service as a leader in restoration science*

Distinguished Science Award

**John A. Stanturf, Project Leader, RWU-4104**

*For leadership in developing methods for restoration of temperate forests and for developing innovative methods to rehabilitate and restore southern forest ecosystems*

Early Career Scientist Award

**Daniel Saenz, Research Wildlife Biologist, RWU-4251**

*For exceptional scientific productivity, distinguished teamwork, and outstanding potential for future achievement*

Technology Transfer Award – Internal

**Coweeta Hydrologic Laboratory**

*For excellence in meeting the science needs of natural resource managers in the southern Appalachians*



Technology Transfer Award – External

**Gary Bentrup, Research Landscape Planner, RWU-4551, and Gary Wells, Landscape Architect, USDA, NRCS**

*For outstanding effort, creativity, and teamwork in the development of the Visual Simulation Kit, customer outreach and visual simulation training package*

Natural Resource Leadership Award

**Thomas A. Waldrop, Research Forester, RWU-4104**

*For leadership in restoring the health and diversity of Table Mountain Pine ecosystems by diagnosing the decline and developing effective and safe alternatives to stand-replacing fires*

Volunteers Program National Award

**Jaquelyne Adams, Forestry Technician, RWU-4101**

*For remarkable ongoing efforts to recruit, train, and employ volunteers to meet the technical support needs of RWU-4101 at Bent Creek*

Volunteers Program National Award

**Sandra Baker, Office Automation Assistant, Office Services**

*For outstanding leadership in the recruitment of volunteers for the construction of the Centennial Trail at the Bent Creek Experimental Forest*

Volunteers Program National Award

**BSA Troop 75**

*For outstanding contributions to the construction of the Bent Creek Trail and participation in the Forest Service Centennial Celebration*

Multicultural Organization Award

**Louise Wyche, Program Liaison, Multicultural Workforce Strategic Initiative**

*For exceptional effort, commitment, and support of the Forest Service Multicultural Workforce Strategic Initiative's goal to build and retain a multicultural organization*

Safety and Occupational Health Award

**FIA Field Data Collection and Quality Assurance Staff, RWU-4801**

*For continued safety performance while traveling over 650,000 miles and charging over 38,000 hours, most of it spent in field situations*

Excellence in Providing Business Operations Support Award

**Robin K. Stidham, Support Service Specialist, RWU-4202 and RWU-4702**

*For continued excellence in providing business operations support*

Support Services Award

**Tracy W. Roof, Lead Forestry Technician, RWU-4101**

*For professionalism and remarkable efficiency in carrying out lead forestry technician responsibilities resulting in improved procedures and techniques and increased productivity of SRS RWU-4101*

Customer Service Award

**David N. Wear, Project Leader, RWU-4851**

*For being proactive in providing excellent service to key partners through the conduct of innovative research to answer highly important questions regarding major changes in the forest economy*

Maintaining and Enhancing the Nation's Natural Resources and Environment Award

**Center for Bottomland Hardwoods Research Conservation Program Group**

**Theodor D. Leininger, Project Leader and Emile S. Gardiner, Research Forester; RWU-4155**

*For the development and application of expert knowledge of afforestation methods that became public policy in a revision of the Conservation Reserve Program's Conservation Practice 31*

I present these awards annually to recognize outstanding contributions that support the mission of the Southern Research Station and the Forest Service. Individual award winners receive a cash award of \$1000; group recipients receive \$3000 to further the good work being recognized.

I look forward to presenting these awards at the Director's Award Ceremony to be held during the SRS Management Team meeting in Durham, NC, on Tuesday, April 4.

/s/ Peter J. Roussopoulos  
PETER J. ROUSSOPOULOS  
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